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FM AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 7220

INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CASC, PINS

SUBJECT: AMCIT DENIED ADMISSION AT BEN GURION

REF: STATE 159280, TEL AVIV 1551, 4767, 4082,

AMMAN 3238 (NOTAL)

1. CONGRESSMAN MARTY RUSSO INTERESTED.

2. THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN ADVISED INFORMALLY BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL, MINISTRYOF INTERIOR, THAT THE DENIAL OF ENTRY FOR MRS.SYBIL WILSON AND HER 8-YEAR-OLD GRANDDAUGHTER WAS BASED UPON THE FACT THAT THE GOI CONSIDERS THE APPLICANTS NON BONA FIDE VISITORS AS THEY APPEARED DESTINED TO JOIN THE BLACK HEBREW COMMUNITY AT DIMONA.

3. IN A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH THE BLACK HEBREW LEADER AT DIMONA, IT WAS CONFIRMED TO THE EMBASSY THAT MRS. WILSON IS THE MOTHER OF TWO MEMBERS OF THE BLACK HEBREW COMMUNITY IN THAT CITY.

4. THE EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED IN WRITING AN OFFICIAL  
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EXPLANATION FOR THE REFUSAL OF ENTRY, AND A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL REPLY WILL BE FORWARDED IMMEDIATELY TO THE DEPARTMENT.

5. THE GOI IS ENGAGED IN AN EFFORT TO PREVENT NEW ADHERENTS FROM JOINING THE PRESENT BLACK HEBREW COMMUNITIES, AND IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS HAVE INSTRUCTIONS

TO CLOSELY EXAMINE ALL APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION TO ISRAEL WHO MIGHT BE CONSIDERED POTENTIALLY DESTINED TO THESE COMMUNITIES. THIS RIGOROUS INSPECTION POLICY CREATES A PARTICULAR PROBLEM AS IT IS DIRECTED PRIMARILY AT BLACK US CITIZEN TOURISTS. A RECENT SUCCESSFUL EFFORT BY THE EMBASSY TO GAIN ADMITTANCE INTO ISRAEL OF A BLACK US CITIZEN COUPLE, PREVIOUSLY DENIED ENTRY, HAS RESULTED IN SOME EMBARRASSMENT AS THE COUPLE "DISAPPEARED" IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ENTRY (REFTELS AMMAN 3238, TEL AVIV 4767 AND 4082).

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